

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated July 30, 2007. Reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-20 are currently pending in the Application. Claims 1 and 6 are independent claims.

By means of the present amendment, claims 1-9 are amended including for better conformance to U.S. practice, such as deleting reference designations typically used in European practice that are known to not limit the scope of the claims. Further amendments include changing "characterized in that" to --wherein--. By these amendments, claims 1-9 are not amended to address issues of patentability and Applicants respectfully reserve all rights under the Doctrine of Equivalents.

In the Office Action, claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,315,719 to Rode ("Rode").

Rode shows a remote monitoring system wherein a transmitter utilizes a code in a transmitted signal to identify a type of data transmitted (see, Col. 5, lines 59-66). Accordingly, each data

type must be transmitted separately since a given code must be associated with each data type.

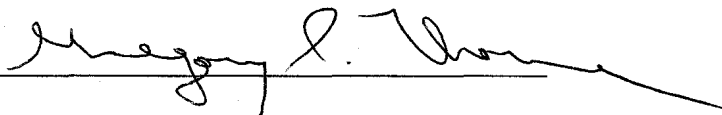
It is respectfully submitted that the system of claim 1 is not anticipated or made obvious by the teachings of Rode. For example, Rode does not disclose or suggest, a system that amongst other patentable elements, comprises (illustrative emphasis provided) "a control unit configured to generate a second signal arranged to be transmitted to said sensor and superimposed on the first signal, said signal processing unit being arranged to decode the second signal and to make the system enter into a second mode upon receipt of the second signal, wherein said second signal is arranged to be received by said sensor as a disturbance of the first signal" as required by claim 1, and as substantially required by claim 6.

Based on the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that independent Claims 1 and 6 are patentable over Rode and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. Claims 2-5 and 7-20 respectively depend from one of Claims 1 and 6 and accordingly are allowable for at least this reason as well as for the separately patentable elements contained in each of the claims. Accordingly, separate consideration of each of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicants reserve the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

Applicants have made a diligent and sincere effort to place this application in condition for immediate allowance and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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